

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting

From: **Planning and Development**

Date: July 11, 2022

Subject: Final Reading of the Grand Forks Official Community Plan Bylaw 2089, 2022

Recommendation: **THAT Council gives final reading to the Grand Forks Official Community Plan Bylaw no. 2089, 2022; and**

THAT Council gives final reading to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Repeal Bylaw No. 1919-R.

Purpose

For Council to review information for the purpose of giving final reading to the new Official Community Plan Bylaw no. 2089, 2022 and final reading to the bylaw rescinding the existing Official Community Plan Bylaw no. 1919.

Background

On May 30, Council gave First and Second Reading to the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2089, 2022, and directed staff to initiate advertising, agency referrals and advertising for the public hearing to be held on June 13th. Council held the public hearing on June 13th and received no further input. Council then provided gave third reading on June 27th.

The public engagement and stakeholder consultation process has been summarized in previous reports (see June 27th Regular Meeting at <https://www.grandforks.ca/council-agendas-and-minutes/> and the Request for Decision at <https://pub-grand-forks.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=16680>).

Point of Decision

At this time, Council's point of decision is to determine whether to proceed with the final reading of the OCP bylaw and rescind the previous OCP.

Benefits or Impacts

General

Provides an updated framework for long range planning in Grand Forks, promoting growth and development while safeguarding natural assets and making smart investment in infrastructure.

Finances

- As future City bylaws, policies and projects are required to be consistent with the OCP, careful consideration was given to potential financial impacts on the capital plan, staffing levels, or new contracted work that may be required in implementation
- Property owners within Development Permit Areas may have increased requirements to obtain professional reports from engineers, geoscientists, biologists, or others

Strategic Impact

- Revise and update the OCP, considering emerging issues
- Support initiatives to revitalize, beautify and improve Grand Forks
- Implement a strategy for supporting various forms of housing
- Increase support for active transportation

Risk Assessment

Compliance: Local Government Act

Risk Impact: Medium to high. As future City bylaws must be consistent with the OCP, care must be taken to ensure the scope of works and regulations considered in this OCP are within the means and capacity of the City to undertake.

Internal Control Process: Internal and external consultation; legal review; legislative procedures including required consultation and agency referrals were followed.

Next Steps

- Pending Council resolution for final reading, the new OCP will be published to the Bylaw Library and shared for public awareness
- Planning and Development staff will include the new maps and planning requirements in the Development Approvals processes.

Attachments

- Draft Official Community Plan Bylaw no. 2089
 - o Schedule 'A' Official Community Plan
 - Appendix '1' Master Plan Requirements
 - Appendix '2' Land and Housing Analysis
 - o Schedule 'B' Map Package
- Draft Repeal Bylaw no. 1919-R to repeal the current OCP and all amendments
- Report and supporting documents from third reading

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Options

1. Council could send the report back to staff for further information before giving final reading. Staff have not recommended this as the timeline and consideration for developing the OCP has been sufficient to develop a thorough update. Further adjustments can be brought by future amending bylaws following the standard legislative process.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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